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1. WE CONCUR IN HMG PROPOSED CHANGES, EXCEPT THAT SENTENCE WHICH CITES NUMBER OF ADDITIONAL PERSONNEL SHOULD BE DELETED.
2. THE FOLLOWING SUPPLEMENTS GUIDANCE PREVIOUSLY PROVIDED REFTEL A ON DIEGO GARCIA.
3. PLANS RELATED TO PERSONNEL MANNING, EQUIPMENT AND REAL PROPERTY DEVELOPMENT ARE STILL BEING REFINED. MODIFICATIONS AND IMPROVEMENTS MAY BE LESS THAN PREVIOUSLY ESTIMATED. IN DISCUSSION WITH HMG OFFICIALS, EMBASSY MAY STATE THAT PLANNING PREVIOUSLY DISCUSSED WHICH ESTIMATED PERSONNEL INCREASE OF 226 MEN AND FACILITY IMPROVEMENT COSTS OF 24 MILLION DOLLARS WERE ESTIMATES FOR PLANNING PURPOSES ONLY. FINAL TOTALS FOR PERSONNEL AND COST MIGHT FALL BELOW THESE FIGURES.
4. UNTIL PRECISE IMPROVEMENTS PLANS HAVE BEEN FIRMED AND DOD COMPLETES BRIEFING TO CONGRESS, EMBASSY PERSONNEL SHOULD AVOID SPECIFIC INFORMATION ON PERSONNEL INCREASES, AND COST APPROXIMATIONS IN PRESS CONTACTS. BEGIN FYI. ANY IMPLICATION OF A CAUSAL RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN CLOSURE OF KAGNEW STATION, ASMARA, AND IMPROVEMENTS TO DIEGO GARCIA FACILITIES SHOULD BE AVOIDED. END FYI.
5. WE WILL INFORM EMBASSY BY SEPTTEL AS SOON AS AGREEMENT HAS BEEN REACHED WITH IEG ON PRESS ANNOUNCEMENT ON KAGNEW AND WHEN CONGRESS WILL BE NOTIFIED. IN THE MEANTIME, WOULD APPRECIATE HMG'S COOPERATION IN NOT RESPONDING TO ANY INQUIRIES AT THIS TIME TO PRECLUDE PREMATURE DISCLOSURE TO PRESS OF DOD PLANS BEFORE CONGRESS IS NOTIFIED. KISSINGER

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